

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant	:	SAKA <i>et al.</i>	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action bearing a mail date of July 2, 2008. This response is timely filed. In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding Restriction Requirement.

SUMMARY OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Office Action restricted pending Claims 1-6 into Groups I-II, with Group I (Claims 1-4) drawn to a method of improving surface thermal shock and Group II (Claims 5-6) drawn to a member. The Examiner alleged that the pending claims are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

PROVISIONAL ELECTION

The Group II (Claims 5-6) is elected with traverse.